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APPROVAL OF UNDP/UNCDF ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
SIERRA LEONE
IPF: (1993-1997) $411 426 000

(SIL/91/010 - SIL/90/C02) - Construction/Rehabilitation of Roads and Support to Labour-Intensive Rural Works Programme in Moyamba

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	22 January 1992
Expected duration:	Three years
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Works
Proposed executing agency:	ILO
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 654 700 Source of funds: IPF
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$2 447 500 Source of funds: General Resources
Government contribution:	$ 111 300

Project background

During the past decade, the economic situation of Sierra Leone, characterized by a lack of confidence in the economy underlying the thriving parallel markets, weak institutional capacity, high degree of fiscal in discipline, and severe shortages, has deteriorated dramatically. As a consequence, infrastructure and services have deteriorated. The country is now in the second year of a three-year programme of economic reforms mutually agreed with IBRD and IMF.

Priority is given by the Government to agriculture, with the basic objective of self-sufficiency in food. Currently agriculture accounts for 60 percent of total employment but only 30 percent share of GDP with crop production mainly for subsistence. Over 60 percent of agricultural products have never reached the monetized market. The Government's objective in the agricultural sector is to provide improved extension services and support to producers, rehabilitate priority feeder roads, while eliminating distortions in production and marketing of food crop.

Liberalized crop marketing systems, established to boost producers earnings and demanded increase in production have not led to growth in the agricultural sector due to poor marketing and transport infrastructure. The present project is targeted on transport infrastructure in the District of Moyamba, the country's principal agricultural and fisheries zone. The feeder road network in the area is virtually inaccessible to vehicular traffic.

Description of Project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) implement road rehabilitation and maintenance programme; and (b) contribute to the country's agricultural and rural development.

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The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) improve access to agricultural/fisheries areas; (b) re-establish the trade transport linkages between demand and productive centres that exist in the project area; (c) complement the impact of improving the road network as well as the input to WFP's institutional feeding programme in the health and education sector; (d) rehabilitate, construct and maintain about 196 km. of road in the Moyamba district, (e) upgrade the capacity of the Ministry of Works at district level in the implementation of rural roads programme, based primarily on local resources; and (f) provide assistance to project area community associations and local authorities and contractors in the maintenance of roads.

Project activities will include: (a) building bridges, grain storage facilities and drainage structures; (b) establishing district maintenance units; (c) providing on-the-job site training for all staff; (d) organizing and training to undertake basic emergency maintenance; and (e) providing extensive exposure to technical aspects of road construction and maintenance by labour-based method coupled with training in management of a relatively large labour force.

Inputs

The Government will finance local costs of counterpart staff. UNCDF will finance the cost of new equipment, building and construction materials, vehicles, subcontracts for labour, fuel, mission costs and support costs.

UNDP will provide the technical assistance team (project manager, three UNV engineers and six national experts/engineers, training adviser and sociologist). WFP will provide food to supplement wages for project personnel.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	UNDP	WFP
Mission costs	130 000	25 000	
Subcontracts	92 700	-	-
Equipment	1 173 100	-	-
Transport & Equipment	73 300	-	-
Operation/Maintenance	669 100	24 000	-
Experts	-	540 700	-
Training	-	29 000	-
Food for Work	-	-	278 000
Support costs	138 300	36 000	-
Contingencies	171 000	-	-
Total	2 447 500	654 700	278 000

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